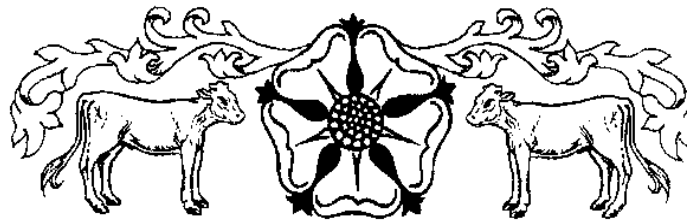


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Editorial

"The King is dead, Long live the King", so the news of a change of monarch is announced. Well not quite as drastic, but there has been another change of Editor. Stuart has decided that 'having run out of ideas' it was time to let someone else take the reins of editorship. I take this opportunity to wish him good luck in his future family research and thank him, on behalf of the readers, for all the work he put into producing the Mecca News.

It was with some trepidation that I faced producing my first issue, wondering how I was going to fill all the pages. Fortunately a package arrived from our Chairman, containing the article by John Balderston together with a large amount from Nina Benson.

The Mecca News is your publication and can only prosper with contributions from the members, I am therefore repeating the plea, of past editors, for contributions in the form of articles, letters or snippets of information. There is no need to worry about layout or spelling that is what I am here for. All I ask is that the writing is readable.

Looking back at past editorials it would appear that editors retire to the 'funny farm', as I have been told, by friends, that I'm already there it shouldn't matter. David Urwin said, in issue 24, that he had committed a diabolical act in changing the style of the front page, I hate to think of the number I have committed in producing this issue.

Since its first issue the Journal has come a long way, evolving with the skills of its editors and the technology available. My aim is to continue this development and hopefully to produce a magazine that represents the Society and is enjoyed by the readership.

Comments on, and suggestions for the content of the Mecca News will be gratefully received. As with Stuart I only have a limited number of ideas and will rely on your feedback.

As I come to the end of my first editorial may I remind members that their subscriptions are due by 31st Jan 1994 and wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and Fruitful New Year.

Richard Medcalf **Nov 93**

Secretary's Notes

I'm preparing to dash off for a week's touring in the south (of England) so if I sound a little breathless please excuse me!

Thank you to all 51 who came over/down/up or across to Ripon on October 9th - as the numbers show, we missed a lot of our regulars. It was grand to be able to welcome FOUR of our American members: M451 Joan Metcalfe of Florida, M526 David Davis of Texas, and M593 Wayne and Rita Owen from Wisconsin - thank you to everyone who made the effort to join in.

May I also take this opportunity of thanking all the Committee members who helped with all the fetching, carrying and setting out, most of them were there from 7.15am and I never heard a grumble all day! Thankyou one and all. During the afternoon it was lovely to see our friends Jean and Frank Bradley once again.

For the first time we had an "official" guest of honour, Carol McLee, and she was able to give us a progress report on the "BIG R". If you have forgotten to send off your form then it is now too late! Carol helped with the Question and Answer session and we were able to benefit from her

knowledge and experience.

Our publications were on sale - the Wills Book 5 and an up-dated edition of the Birth Brief Booklet. The latter will go "free" to all new members from now on... members who have already received their free copy can purchase this up-dated version (listing to and including M624) at almost cost price. Wills Book 5 covers 1900 - 1940 of the UK National Index completing our run of this recording.. it is a large 33 page A4 size edition.. see the Sales Order form in the centre pages. We should like to thank Diane Howarth for her work on these publications and Carol, her Mum Ida, and Margaret Metcalfe for being responsible for staffing the Sales tables most of the day - I know they also had help from other members during the day - thanks to you all.

Denny Gibson had worked hard to bring some delightful old postcards of Nappa and Dales scenes, which had been enlarged and laminated - with excellent results. Denny also displayed some super gifts but I won't detail them because they may appear in some lucky persons Christmas stocking!

Mary Metcalfe had some of her most recent paintings and prints together with her charming

cards and very kindly donated the profits to our Society, thank you Mary.

We took the opportunity to express our thanks to Founder Members Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe and to past President Helen Offer in a more significant manner when it was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously that they become Free Life Members.

Charles and David Metcalfe were kept nose down to the computers most of the day whilst joining everyone else in welcoming our new Editor, Richard J. Medcalf. Although Stuart Metcalfe said he had "run out of ideas" we shall miss his editorials and thank him MOST sincerely for all the effort he put into the last issues and wish him "happy hunting" when he can return to his own family research - lucky devil!

The Committee also said farewell to Vera Adams - again, thank you Vera for your dedicated work. We were able to

celebrate the election to the Committee of Peter Dobson M69.

If we are VERY lucky we shall be able to clear all our costs, that is only due to the efforts of Stanley Metcalfe and his book of raffle tickets and to the generosity of those attending. Without that we should, sadly, be in DEBT, due entirely to the low numbers, which is something it is impossible to predict. Obviously you think our Musters lack some essential ingredient if you would care to tell us WHAT - we can try and mix some in next year.

We shall repeat the exercise, including any new suggestions, at the same place next year - the date is:

Saturday 8th October 1994

Jot it down in your diary.

All the Committee join me in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hunting in 1994.

Nina E.Benson 19th Oct 1993

The Metcalfe Muster 9th Oct 1993 Income

SALES - Tables			141	72
Donations - Anon	16	52		
from Sale of Pictures (M.Metcalfe)	7	20		
	23	72	23	72
Total			165	44

BIRTH BRIEFS

Up-Dated Members

M301 Miss Vera Metcalfe.

282 Livesey Branch Road, Blackburn, Lancashire.

Dau of Victor & Louisa (Davies) Mte. Victor b 25 May 1900 so John & Mary Jane (Harland) Mte who m 23 Feb 1884 West Tanfield near Ripon Yks. John b circa 1859/60 so John & Jane (Sayer) Mte who m 19 Oct 1840 at Aysgarth. John bpt 20 Apl 1817 at Coverham so Edward & Sarah (Weatherald) Mte who m 21 Feb 1803 at Aysgarth. Edward bpt 22 Aug 1778 Aysgarth so William & Elizabeth (Kidd) Mte who m 17 Nov 1760 Aysgarth. William bpt 18 Aug 1734 Aysgarth so Leonard & Jane (Mte) Mte m 19 Apl 1732 Askrigg.

M317 Stanley Metcalfe.

7 Chapel Road, Stanway, Colchester, Essex, CO3 5PU

Born in Leeds so Harold & Evelyn Gladys (Astle) Mte m 11 Mar 1922 Leeds. Harold b 16 Dec 1893 Leeds so Robert & Mary Ann (Mte) Mte m 4 Apl 1883 at Hawes. Robert b 16 Mar 1862 bpt 12 June 1864 Hawes so John & Agnes (Blades) Mte m 17 Nov 1853 Hawes. John bpt 25 Dec 1827 Hawes so William & Elizabeth/Betty (Marsden) Mte m 6 Oct 1817 at Slaidburn. William bpt 30 Sep 1792 Hawes so James & Isabel (Blenkhorn) Mte m 17 May 1790 at Stalling Busk. James b circa 1758/9 ??bpt 10 Dec 1758 Askrigg so James Mte.

New Members - To Whom We Extend a Hearty Welcome.

M652 Herbert Metcalfe.

Highcross Road, Cullercoats, North Shields, Tyne & Wear.

Son of Thomas & Mary Lizzie (Braithwaite) Mte m 21 Apl 1917. Thomas b 9 Feb 1891 Esh, Co Durham so George & Eliza (Cutmore) Mte m 29 Nov 1873 Stansfield, Suffolk. George b 29 May 1851 Stansfield, Suffolk so Hosea & Sarah (Hussell) Mte.

M626 Mrs Ida Walker.

3 Boynston Grove, Sedgfield, Stockton on Tees, Teeside.
Descended from George & Elizabeth (Mte) Dove m 19 May 1821 Northallerton, Yks. Elizabeth b 1 May 1798 do James & Elizabeth (Finkle) Mte m 14 Jul 1795 North Otterington, Yks. James bpt 17 Aug 1771 Masham so Elias & Susanna (Todd) Mte m 17 Nov 1765 Ainderby Steeple, Yks. Elias bpt 15 Sep 1746 Thornton Watlass, Yks so Thomas & Ann (Meek) Mte m 23 Apl 1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 4 Mar 1704/5 Thornton Watlass so Elias Mte. Elias b circa 1647 ? so James Mte. And see **M632** below.

M627 Mrs Jean Kington.

West Lane House, Bishopdale, Leyburn, Nth Yorkshire.
Has no Metcalfe descent. Jean is working on a histoty of Bishopdale.

M628 Mrs Gladys Metcalfe & Mrs Susan Woof.

Northgate, Burtsett Road, Hawes.
Confirmation awaited.

M629 Mrs Patricia Kostelnik.

12 Dieppe Drive, Whitehorse, Yukon, CANADA
Nee Mte grand dau of Jasper Elmer Mte b 27 Oct 1871 New Brunswick, so Joseph & Rachel (McFarlane) Mte. Joseph b circa 1831 ? England.

M630 Mrs Joan Grundy.

33 Beech Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham, Yorkshire.
Great grand dau of Matthew & Mary (Mte) Meaburn who m 14 Feb 1856 Stockton on Tees, Dur. Mary b 13 Nov 1831 Bishopton, Dur do William & Margaret (Robinson) Mte m 22 Feb 1819 Bishopton.
Connected to:- **M409, M509 & M530.**

M631 Mrs Judith M.S. Robinson.

3Abbet Drive, Natland, Kendal, Cumbria.
Great grand dau of Rowland & Mary Elizabeth (Mte) Atkinson b 1849 do Ralph Tiplady & Mary (Blyth) Mte m 10 Apl 1845 Hawes. Ralph bpt 13 Feb 1813 Hardraw so John & Jane (Tiplady) Mte m 5 May 1810 Hardraw.
Connected to:- **M178, M246 & M419.**

M632 Dr David Faux.

PO Box 640, Hagersville, Ontario, CANADA.
Great grandson of William Robert & Margaret Ann (Mte) Williamson m 25 Jun 1881 Gateshead, Co Durham. Margaret Ann b 27 Dec 1856 Gateshead do James & Mary (Middleton) Mte m 14 Jul 1856 Gateshead. James bpt 19 Oct 1834 Croft on Tees, Yks. so Elias & Mary Ann (Hornsby) Mte m 25 Jul Long Newton, Co Durham. Elias bpt 7 Nov 1802 Nth Otterington so George & Ann (?) Mte. George bpt 12 Nov 1776 Ainderby Steeple near Northallerton Yks. so Elias & Susanna (Todd) Mte who m 17 Nov 1765 Ainderby Steeple. Elias bpt 15 Sep 1746 Thornton Watlass so Thomas & Ann (Meek) m 23 Apl 1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 4 Mar 1704/5 Thornton Watlass so Elias Mte. Elias b circa 1647 so James.
Also see **M626** above.

M633 Dennis Nottage.

Brantwood, Little Avenue, Wyndham Park, Peterson super Ely, South Glamorgan.
Great x6 grandson of John & Rosamund (Mte) Pratt m 7 May 1709 Askrigg, Yks. ? Rosamund do Alexander Mte of Sedbusk and bpt as Rose 232 May 1690. ? *L949 - Askrigg burials - has Rose brd 23 May 1690 ? Was Alexander son of Henry who died in 1663 - can anyone help ?*
Connected to:- **M526.**

M634 Gordon L. Metcalf.

40 East Coon Drive, Sequim, WA 98382-8531, USA.
Son of Arthur Ansel & Grace Elizabeth (Richardson) Mt. Arthur b 10 Jan 1885 Caro, MI, USA so William Walter & Mary (McLory) Md/Mt m 10 Jan 1875. William Walter b 1853 Ann Arbor, MI, USA. so William & Emerilla (Marsh) Mt m 14 Mar 1847. William b Jul 1826 USA so William & Eleanor Thistle (Hutchinson) Mt m 1820. William b 1788 USA.

M635 Mrs Judith E. Sellers.

Thornccliffe, 551 Chorley New Road, Lostock, Bolton, Lancs.
Nothing recieved.

M636 Christopher Partridge.

4 St Swithin's Terrace, Lewes, Sussex.

Granson of William & Lavinia May (Mte) Partridge m 5 Jul 1894 Tenby. Lavinia b 1 May 1871 Tenby do Richard & Sarah (Lewis - 2nd wife) Mte m 26 May 1863 Tenby. Richard b ? 1824 Oswestry so Joseph & Margaret (Jones) Mte m 23 Oct 1810 Oswestry. Joseph b 20 Feb 1792 Oswestry so Joseph & Ann (Evans) Mte m 12 Nov 1786 Oswestry.

Connected to:- Past members **M72, M76 & M402.**

M637 Mrs Lilian Holmes.

55 Manton, South Bretton, Peterborough.

Grand-dau of Ernest & Jane Ann [Annie] (Mte) Honiball m 19 Dec 1903 Walton on Hill, Kirkdale, West Derby. Jane Ann b 26 Apl 1880 Halfway House near Hawes do Thomas Taylor & Elizabeth Ann (Moor) Mte m 15 Nov 1879 Hawes. Elizabeth had died by the time Jane Ann was registered on 7 May 1880. Thomas b June quarter 1857 and a copy certificate is awaited for his parentage.

M638 Mrs Josephine M.R. Mellon.

Half Acre, Shotesham St Mary, Norfolk.

Her mother's maiden name was Metcalf.

M639 Mrs Dorothy E. & John Metcalfe.

G4 Kings Court, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

John is son of William John & Dorothy E (Holloway) Mte. William so John James & Edith (Harmer) Mte. John bpt 4 Aug 1885 so Richard & Dorothy (Madjin) Mte. Richard b circa 1849 so Matthew & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Matthew bpt 7 July 1811 Askrigg so John & Margaret (Blades) Mte m 31 Jan 1803 Askrigg. John b circa 1780 ?so James b circa 1758 so James & Jane (Kettlewell) Mte m 6 Sep 1756 Askrigg. James was a butcher.

Connected to:- **M54, M296, M297, M410 & M597.**

M640 Miss José Roberts.

14 Minerva Court, Langthorpe, Boroughbridge, Yorkshire.

Great x3 grand-dau of Thomas & Jane (MTE) Askwith m 15 Dec 1778 Coxwold, Yks. Their 1st dau b 14 Apl is bpt at Topcliffe 1 May 1779 when the parish register gives us one of those "gems"! "Jane 1st

dau of Thomas Askwith og Bagby, miller son of Michael Askwith of Bagby, miller by Elizabeth his wife dau of Wm Caress of Sowerby, farmer / and of Jane dau of George Mte of Keighley, blacksmith, by Jane dau of Thomas Mte of Keighley, weaver." Jane (wife to Thomas Askwith) bpt 28 Dec 1749 at Well do George & Jane (Mte) Mte m 15 Jul 1745 Masham. George bpt ? 3 Jun 1722 Marsham so Thomas (? & Mary Askwith m 10 Apl 1720 Masham) Mte of Healey. Jane (wife of George Mte & dau of a Thomas of Keighley) is still to be traced.

Connected to:- **M200, M218 & M593.**

M641 Mr & Mrs Norman J. Metcalfe.

2 Leyburn Road, Wallasey, Merseyside.

Nothing received.

M642 Norman G. Perkins.

Briar Banks, Church Lane, Westerfield, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Nothing received.

Change of Address

M262 Dr Carol Metcalf, from South Africa to:-

Dept of Epidemiology, SC-36 School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, USA.

M289 Mrs Debby Rose, from Staines to:-

4 Chafey's Avenue, Southill, Weymouth, Dorset. DT4 0EQ.

M409 Mrs Diane Howarth, from Eastleigh to:-

31 Groves Lea, Mortimer, Berkshire, RG7 3SS.

M517 Mrs K.M. Ruddy, from Harrogate to:-

"Ainsgarth", 1 Benton Park Road, Rawdon, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS19 6LY.

M581 Mr G. Smith, from Heworth to:-

11 Galtres Avenue, Stockton Lane, York, YO3 0JU.

Computer Notes

I was hoping to report the achievement of the 40,000 mark in the Mecca Index, but other duties have kept us away from that level for another few weeks. Still, we now have over 39,000 individual entries which occupy more than 12Mb of hard disc space, a lot of data which is now very valuable, though it's impossible to cost the effort taken to create it.

More than 1100 lists are now on the computer; David up in the cold North-East is burning the midnight oil. About 3/4 of the family trees that are in my files have been entered, many thanks for the efforts of Honary Member Helen Offer who unfortunately is going into hospital for a short stay, she may be out by the time you read this.

Now for the terrible news. My long awaited visit to Salt Lake City was very enjoyable but the computerised IGI92 was not available! However, the facilities in the Family History Centre are very impressive. One just walks in, goes straight to a terminal and begins to collect data. As IGI92 was not available I did a little private research. Terminal access to the central database was fairly slow, at least

by the standards to which I am used, as it was taking something in the region of a minute to pull down a list onto a local database. It seemed as though access was limited by time so that at the end of a set period access was terminated. The amount of data was normally in the region of five to twenty separate names.

When one remembers that some 15,000 entries will be on the IGI92 Mte index I perhaps should be grateful that it was not available, I missed some four days work! There MUST be a quicker way to create our list.

Charles S. Metcalfe Nov 1993

Full of Puff

Every night at nine o'clock from September to February for the past 700 years, a member of the Metcalfe family has sounded three long blasts on a horn as a guide for travellers in the forest near the Yorkshire village of Bainbridge. Jack Metcalfe, who died in 1983 after 36 years of horn blowing, was once asked if it was true that a good blast could carry more than three miles. "I don't know," he replied. "I'm at this end."

Metcalfe Volunteers - 1793

by Dorothy Pope M55

In 1793 there were preparations afoot to repel the threatened invasion by the French. From the national government of the time came directives to local governments to choose between conscription and volunteering. Yorkshire men chose volunteering. Therefore the defence organisation was to be carried out by the County's Lord Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants, and Magistrates.

From the North Riding County Record Office Publication No. 15, entitled 'To Escape the Monster's Clutches' published in 1977 which deals principally with the North Riding, I have extracted all references to those Metcalfe's who were deemed fit to protect the country from Napoleon's army. Although I have only extracted all references to the Meccas, there are of course 100's more who could have been associated with, or collaterals of, Metcalfe families, and therefore I would be willing to search the 158 pages for

specific names in return for a S.A.E.

Over a period of years from 1792 to 1809 the book makes interesting reading, and well worth buying from Northallerton C.R.O. - if it is still available. Not only does it list names of potential volunteers but also publishes contemporary official correspondence between Whitehall and the various persons in the North Riding responsible for implementing the organisation of a volunteer force, as well as letters from anxious members of the public. There are also some interesting copies of cartoons and pictures depicting events of the time, and details of individual holdings, stock, crops and implements etc, presumably liable to appropriation by the authorities if circumstances so warranted. In some cases there are lists of persons willing to serve as guides, servants with cattle, pioneers or labourers, and servants with teams - horses presumably.

Metcalfe Extracts are Listed Overleaf

Dorothy can be contacted at:- 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough,
Cleveland, TS14 8Bz.

Metcalf (no final 'e' is given in any name) names as follows:-

Spennithorne	Edward	Metcalf	
Loyal Dales Volunteers	Richard	Metcalf	Captain
Aysgarth	George	Metcalf	
Askrigg	Jason	Metcalf	Surgeon
	Henry	Metcalf	
	Jason	Metcalf	
Bainbridge	Thomas	Metcalf	
	George	Metcalf	Snr.
	Thomas	Metcalf	
Hawes	Thomas	Metcalf	
	John	Metcalf	
	Mr.	Metcalf	Revd.
	Edmund	Metcalf	
	Edward	Metcalf	expects to be exempt
Burton & Waldon	William	Metcalf	
Carperby	Bryan	Metcalf	
East Wittain	John	Metcalf	
Thornton Rust	Richard	Metcalf	
	Christopher	Metcalf	
Thoralby	Jason	Metcalf	
Kirkleatham (Cleveland)	Mary Metcalf's family incapable of removing themselves.		
Masrke (Cleveland)	Thomas	Metcalf	
Skelton (Cleveland)	John	Metcalf	

THE METCALFES OF NAPPA

- some Recusant connections

by the late *John Balderston M62*

These snippets of information were given to me by Hugh Aveling, a tutor in History at Reading University. He researched Catholic recusants in North Yorkshire whilst working as the History Master at Ampleforth School some years ago. The information regarding these families was obtained from wills, inventories, church records, civic records and court proceedings. Details of many Yorkshire families are recorded in his book, "Northern Catholicas. The Catholic Recusants of the North Riding of Yorkshire 1558 - 1790", published in 1966 by Geoffrey Chapman, 18 High Street, Wimbledon London SW19.

During the sixteenth century many families were split in their religious faith due to the introduction of Protestantism by successive English Governments. Each new law against the old faith was designed to reduce what was deemed to be a threat to the English Monarchy and the stability of the State and, at the same time, bring in new revenue for the impoverished crown. The Metcalfes of Nappa were one such family. A few dates may

help to set the background at this time.

The Governments of Henry VIII and later of his son Edward IV, had established Protestantism as the official religion of England, but in spite of bloodshed in high office it was difficult to change the habits of centuries especially when there were insufficient of the clergy trained in the new faith to carry it into rural areas.

Elizabeth I, when she first came to the throne in 1558, was very lenient with members of the old faith, but as the years went by the threat from Catholic Spain increased. Philip proposed to our Queen and was spurned. Firstly there was the military threat and the Armada episode of 1588, secondly there were numerous plots associated with Mary Queen of Scots who spent much time under "house arrest" in various mansions in the North and thirdly the Catholic Revolt in the North in 1569. All this persuaded the Government of a traitorous intent amongst Catholics to take over the State. This was denied by the many priests returning from training on

the continent - from Donai in Flanders, The English College in Rome and also in Spain, such as Edmund Campion and Robert Parsons, and a Papal Bull was passed which allowed English Catholics to give their loyalty first to their Protestant Queen and Country and not to that of foreign Catholic Rulers, which they had been obliged to do following the Queen's excommunication.

Thus we find no Catholic martyrs between 1558 and 1577 but some 200 priests and laymen martyred between 1577 and the end of Elizabeth's reign in 1603.

James I, who followed, aimed to reduce religious strife in his three kingdoms but true official religious freedom for Catholics was not gained until the 1840's with the re-establishment of the Catholic Hierarchy in the United Kingdom.

The Metcalles of Nappa were a large family around 1560. Their head, *Sir Christopher Metcalfe*, a Protestant himself, married the Earl of Cumberland's sister. His many brothers and near relatives held onto their old faith tenaciously and sometimes with aggression. They sheltered, amongst other recusants, a dangerous Papist called Marshall who has to flee to Donai. Sir Christopher's

sympathies led to his impoverishment, and by 1587 he had retired to Aysgarth and sold Nappa Hall to Messrs Curwen and Teady, who nevertheless, carried on the tradition of sheltering priests on the run.

Sir Christopher's brother, Oswald, lived at Hornby Manor, he lost most of his land but recovered it in 1577 by officially becoming Protestant and died later at Wildon Grange in 1584.

The Metcalles of Bear Park were a persistently troublesome lot to the authorities. *John, Roger, Henry, William and Leonard* were all brothers or very close relatives of Sir Christopher, together with one William Metcalfe of Hemming, had to survive by guile and taking all possible advantage of legal loopholes.

Henry said he had no home and travelled around his relatives houses to avoid residential qualifications needed to pay taxes and the £20 fine for not attending Church.

Leonard joined the most active rebels. He took part in the Rebellion of the North in 1569, refused to buy a pardon, and was forced to flee to Donai but later returned home and died, an old man, though still a recusant, at Hood in 1633.

Gilbert Metcalfe of Hood Grange also a cadet of Sir Christopher's family, was a very astute man. He leased Hood from the Archbishop of York; also aquired the tithes of Fryston and Hoveringham, the Manors of Firby, Hemming (in 1588) and part of Newton and in 1596 the House and Land of Tanton Stokesley. Most of these properties were in the names of his sons.

Like other men of means, he engaged tutors for his sons and in 1575 he sent Anthony to Christs' College, Cambridge to study Law. Anthony did well. He went to Staple Inn then to the Inner Temple, London and became a barrister in 1587. He was legal advisor to the Duchess of Buckingham who gave him letters of protection and got his rent reduced!

But despite all his guile, knowledge and help from friends, Gilbert was gaoled at least twice in York and by 1598 all his, and his sons' estates were seized, except for a small area. Even so Gilbert was left with an income of £67 6s 8d per year. Alas, the screw turned again for him and 2/3rds of this and 2/3rds of all his remaining goods were taken. Hood Grange itself went but some of the estate remained in the family until the 1650's.

John Metcalfe of Tanton, Stokesley left his will dated 1653 in which he reflects the wiles and wisdom inherited from Gilbert. It was made in two parts. Firstly, to look after his soul he appointed two Roman Catholic executors to have masses said for him and carry out other directions of a private nature. Secondly, for his estate, he appointed four Protestants "My wellbeloved friends and Kinsmen" to apportion his estate amongst his children and "fix a Charity in Stokesley of £10 a year to run forever".

By 1639 the tradition of Recusancy persisted and another *John Metcalfe* was sent to St Omer's School - a Jesuit School in England, and the Metcalles of *North Otterington* in 1642 were solidly recusant and they, too, sought strength via education and engaged a tutor for their son John; but their daughter Mary, took the rare course of leaving home for a convent on the Continent. Others followed and between 1700 and 1760, forty five women took the same decision.

The Metcalles of Romanby sheltered an old member of the family, probably a priest who "was taken in 1679". In 1670 a *John Metcalfe of Lincolnshire* was an Attorney in Richmond.

Peter Metcalfe showed some of Leonard's fighting instincts when in 1656 he "formed an armed band with two others" to fight as a Royalist Papist during Cromwell's Commonwealth. (Charles I was executed in 1649 and Charles II returned as King in 1660).

To counteract the enormous loss in taxes and fines due to evasion of the laws by Catholics, especially in the North, in the early seventeenth century, the Recusancy commission was set up and Thomas Wentworth was sent to the notorious North Riding Bench. He appointed many new members as Justices of the Peace, among them, *George Metcalfe* who was known to have many contacts among the Recusants. The scheme must have back fired to some extent as George's recusant wife Mary was the first to plead dispensation under the Commission!

In spite of all their troubles some Metcalfe recusants prospered. One *Roger Metcalfe* born 8th March 1680 of the *Tanton family* and son of Gilbert Metcalfe of Guisborough, became a surgeon and lived at St Giles in the Fields, London. He was a close friend of Lord Fairfax and in 1731 he married *Jemima* daughter of Sir Philip

Astloy (sic) Bt. They had three children who continued to be "well connected" in London:-

1) Christopher 1732-1794 was a close friend of the poet Dryden. In 1753 he married Ellen daughter of Charles Barton of Hampstead and they had three children:

- a) Christopher Barton 1759-1801 who married Sophia Andrews
- b) Henry brn 1791 married 1820
- c) Emma who married a Parson.

2) Philip 1733-1818. Moved to Nell Street, Berclay Square, Newstead. He was the clever one, became an MP, FRS and FSA. He was an executor for the will of his friend Sir Joshua Reynolds, the artist.

3) Roger who died in 1816.

These few facts reflect the perils of one well-off family, living a long way from central Government and trying to cope with their consciences in a changing world.

I have not been able to check the dates but I am sure this can be done against records already held by the Metcalfe Society. They are only the smallest snippets of information but to me they gave great life and vivid romance to what otherwise could be a very dull set of dates.

Charles Metcalfe

While travelling Route 66 in Arizona, USA with my wife during September last, we stopped for lunch in Kingman and noticed that the Mohave Museum of History and Art was opposite and next to us was the Charles Metcalfe Park.

A short visit was made after lunch and resulted in a large selection of documents being copied by a very friendly and helpful Curator. An article on this particular Charles Metcalfe will hopefully appear in the next issue but in the meantime his basic details follow. (The Museum now displays an advert for our society).

Charles Metcalfe was born 26th March 1855 in Cincinnati, Ohio; and buried in 1943 in Mountain View Cemetery, Mohave County, Arizona.

He married Sadie Bowman in 1885 at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Apparently a Methodist with the occupations of miner, judge, superintendent of schools, postmaster and real estate.

Note:- In 1934 he found in his mother's effects two one dollar bills dated 10 April 1774 issued in Maryland, worth four shillings & six pence and engraved with "Death to Counterfeiters".

CSM

Subscriptions 1994 will become due on 31st January 1994

The Annual General Meeting, on the advice of the Committee, voted to retain current prices for at least one more year.

In January 1993 our Secretary sent out 174 reminder letters to members whose subs were still outstanding by 31st March - this cost your Society a considerable sum of money and Nina a LOT of extra work. Please ensure that you pay as soon as possible, you can date your payment 31st January if that would be more convenient. Remember - you can pay for as many years as you wish. Would members who have already paid in advance, please excuse this reminder.

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Jo Birkbeck of Port Angeles sent in an interesting statistic; of the 104 passengers who arrived in the US on the Mayflower it is estimated that they produced in 12 generations more than 25 million descendants.

**Response to 'Fact File,
the Earliest Metcalfes'
(Mecca News 39)**

Dear Sir,

I doubt that the origin of 'our' surname can ever be solved by family history or genealogical studies. It is therefore a proper subject for speculation. I have already taken the most likely derivation (in my opinion), and extended it to encompass a nickname based in a trade or skill, Dalesman 1988.

Hence, point one looks irrelevant in principle to the idea of a fact-file. Point 2 appears to be part of 3 to me, and 4 can also be taken out, for what we seek is the place from where the name appears to have originated. So we need a list, however short, rather than negative statements.

Likewise, point 5, with its call for a list is fine, but we have already established this (3).

Regarding 6, the statement here may well be correct, but under this heading I believe the descent of Norah Mte, M267, should be studied by an independent professional genealogist, who should endeavour to prove by documentary evidence each and every step. If this can be proved,

'we' are then comfortably back into the 14th Century - a brilliant achievement for any one-name society.

To continue, point 7 again does not appear relevant to a fact-file on 'earliest Metcalfes', likewise, 8 & 9 consider expansion from an assumed base (Wensleydale).

Finally, studies under 10 & 11 may be helped by any work carried out on Norah's descent.

Yours sincerely
Terry Allinson (M257).

Metcalf Gallery

On the second floor of the Tam Alumni Center on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA, campus is the Metcalf Gallery, as mentioned in a September 1993 Las Vegas Review.

Have any of our members information on the origin of this gallery?

CSM

Dear Sir,

I have just come back from a coach holiday based in Harrogate. Despite the rain, it was lovely to be driven through the dales which I hadn't seen since the 1930's. It was great to potter round places I read of in the Mecca News - Thirsk, Richmond, Grassington, Skipton. Then Ripon, where I've stayed before.

The door of Metcalfe House in Kirkgate was ajar - one of my sisters said 'I dare you to go in', so I did. The two firms which inhabit it now, primarily Hendersons, were most welcoming and pleased to meet descendents of the original family, from whom they bought the house. Our grandmother Maria Holmes Metcalfe (married James Linday) was born there, and possibly her father John as well. Father - George Metcalfe Linday - used to spend some of his school holidays there, with the innumerable cousins. His twin uncles were a tailor, and a carpenter-cum-undertaker, one of whom was Mayor of Ripon. I don't know if John, b 1820, was the first owner of the house, or his father Thomas, who was a woodworker of Ripon.

John had a brother George who we think was the founder of the Irish branch.

It was quite an experience, actually being in the house of which we had heard so often.

Yours sincerely
Gina MacKenzie (M370)
September 93

An offer from member M497
Delphine McDonnell
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Australia

Whilst on a recent holiday in Helmsley N.Yorks, I discovered a document for sale, briefly described below. I will pass it on to the appropriate family for the price I paid, £5.00 sterling cheque or money order plus 2 x 39p stamps. In order that it goes to the right family documentary proof eg birth certificate etc. would be appreciated.

Unsuccessful members will of course have their money returned.

Document

Tenancy agreement between Robert & Foster Metcalfe of Neals Ing. Stainforth, and the manor of Ingleton. Dated 1st December 1890.

Methodist Circuits

Baptisms 1881 - 1931

LEYBURN in Wensleydale, Yorkshire.

29 Aug 1886	Robert Edwards	William & Sarah Mte, Leyburn. b 4/8/1886
28 Jan 1887	Anne	Martha Hanna Mte, Leyburn. b 26/6/1886
19 Dec 1891	Thomas	Sarah Mte, Leyburn. b 13/11/1891
21 Oct 1900	James Arthur	Arthur & Mgt Mte, West Witton. b 13/5/1895
21 Oct 1900	Mary Jane	ditto b 23/4/1897
21 Oct 1900	Kate Margaret	ditto b 3/10/1900

HAWES

15 Jun 1864	Elizabeth	John & Alice Mte, Sedbusk. farmer
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WENSLEY

15 Aug 1850	John William	Christopher & Jane Mte, Redmire.
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RICHMOND

7 Apl 1851	Christopher	Jane Mte, Skeeby in parish of Easby. spr
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SEDBERGH & HIGH ABBOTSIDE

20 Mar 1862	Issabella	James & Jane Mte, Lunds. lab. b 15/2/1862
7 Oct 1862	Issabella	James & Ellen Mte, Lunds. far. b 13/12/1861
26 Aug 1867	John Robert	John & Alice Mt, Lunds. farmer

AYSGARTH

2 Jul 1870	Mary Jane	Thos & Mary Mte, Burtersett. qmn b 1/4/1840
30 Mar 1872	Elizabeth	Edward & Martha Mt, Thorns, Hawes.
9 Nov 1873	Jane	William & Jane Mt, Hawes. lab
11 Jun 1880	James	Edward & Martha Mte, Mossdale, Hawes. lab b 29/12/1879
16 Mar 1889	Isabella	William & Jane Mte, Hawes Junction. builder b 25/6/1879
8 Feb 1884	James	John & Agnes Mte, Garsdale. far b 26/4/1879
8 Feb 1884	John	ditto b 29/2/1881
8 Mar 1885	John	Matthew & Ann Mte, Hallbank. carter b 27/8/1884
30 Aug 1885	Thomas George	William & Elizabeth Mte, Blindskye. farmer b 24/3/1884
14 Oct 1888	Dora Elizabeth	Peter & Margaret Ann Mte, Thwaite Holme, Askrigg. farmer b 18/9/1888

AYSGARTH (cont.)

25 Aug 1890	Rosamund	Simon Thwaite & Elizabeth Mte, West Scrafton in Coverham. farmer b 13/8/1890
24 Aug 1890	Ethel Annie	Peter & Margaret Ann Mte, Thwaite Holme, par Aysgarth. farmer b 6/7/1890
22 Dec 1890	Dorothy Sayer	Francis & Rachel Mte, Camhouses Cottages. platelayer. b 13/11/1890
5 Nov 1893	John Auton	Thomas & Margaret? Elizabeth Mt, Askrigg. carpenter b 29/9/1893
31 Oct 1894	John Hogg	Simon Thwaite & Elizabeth Mte, West Scrafton. farmer b 15/10/1894
7 Jul 1895	Edward Birkett	Peter & Margaret Ann Mte, Thoralby. farmer b 20/1/1895
10 Oct 1895	Alice Ann	Robert B & Mary Elizabeth Mte, High Abbotside. farm lab b 23/5/1895
19 Jan 1896	Thomas Taylor	Thomas & Mary? Elizabeth Mte, Askrigg. joiner b 24/12/1895
7 Feb 1898	Robert	Simon Thwaite & Elizabeth Mte, West Scrafton. farmer b 20/1/1898
29 Dec 1898	Mabel	Peter & Margaret Mte, Dewbiggin over Thoralby. farmer b 14/12/1898
29 May 1899	Albert	Thomas & Mary Elizabeth Mte, Elmfell, Askrigg. carpenter b 15/4/1899
26 Dec 1901	Harriett	Simon Thwaite & Elizabeth Mte, West Scrafton. farmer b 23/11/1901
25 Feb 1903	Margaret Eliz.	William & Emma Jane Mte, Countersett. farmer b 15/1/1901
25 Feb 1903	George Richard	ditto b 1/2/1902
20 May 1903	Alice	ditto b 7/5/1903
23 June 1903	Annie	Simon Thwaite & Elizabeth Mte, Scrafton. farmer b 10/6/1903
7 Feb 1905	Robert	William & Emma Jane Mte, Countersett. farmer b 3/12/1904
14 Oct 1905	William Edward	William Edward & Jane Ellen Mte, Newbiggin nr Aysgarth. lab b 14/8/1905
19 Aug 1907	Henry	William & Emma Jane Mte, Countersett. farmer b 23/6/1907

MIDDLEHAM

5 Dec 1879	Frances	Isabella Mt, High West End, Lunds.
4 Mar 1883	Christopher	Matthew & Ann Mte, Hall Bank, Sedbergh. carter b 18/7/1882

MIDDLEHAM (cont.)

4 Mar 1883	Ernest	Thomas & Annie Agnes Mte, Danbiggin. lab b 12/2/1883
11 Mar 1885	Catherine	Simon & Elizabeth Mt, Scafton par Coverham. farmer b 12/2/1885
16 Sept 1886	Ellen Hogg	Simon Thwaite & Elizabeth Mte, Scafton. farmer b 20/8/1886
30 Jul 1888	Elizabeth	ditto b 15/7/1888
28 Oct 1888	Margaret	Francis Sayer & Rachel Mte, Camhouses, Bainbridge. platelayer b 4/9/1888

Recorded by Nina E. Benson

**Wesleyan Methodist Circuit
Middleham in Wensleydale, Yorkshire**

Baptisms September 1837 to circa 1932

10 Jun 1838	John Sykes	John & Mary Mte, Askrigg	7 weeks
15 Jul 1838	Jane	John & mgt Mte, Wolden	26 days
5 May 1844	Jane	John & Eliz Mte, Middleham	17 days
13 Dec 1845	William	Richard & Eliz Mte Bainbridge	4yr 17wk 5d
ditto	Margaret	ditto	1yr 42wk 4d
25 Dec 1846	George	John & Eliz Mte, Middleham	4 wks 4 dys
15 Dec 1850	Anne	Frances Alice Mte, ? Rander	b 3/9/1850
11 Sep 1852	Jane Elizabeth	Francis & Rachel Mte, Marcett	b 29/8/1852
21 Feb 1853	John	Thomas & Ellen Mte, Bellerby	b 13/2/1853
3 Jun 1853	George William	John & Eliz Mte, Middleham	b 15/5/1853
4 May 1856	Mary Ann	ditto	b 19/11/1855
9 Feb 1857	Thoma	Francis & Rachel Md, Marsett	b 22/12/1856
25 Dec 1859	George	Joseph & Eliz Mte, Leyburn	b 8/11/1859
29 Dec 1859	Martha	Ralph LOFTHOUSE of Carlton & Jane Metcalf	b 12/11/1859
24 Jan 1860	Christopher	John & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 30/12/1859
26 May 1863	Arthur	Alexander & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 11/4/1863
10 Nov 1863	Richard	John & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 9/10/1863
28 Aug 1865	Jane	Alexander & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 7/8/1865
15 Oct 1866	John	William & Emma Mt	b 11/7/1866
10/16 Aug 1867	Alexander	Alexander & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 11/8/1867

18 Aug 1867	Annie	William & Emma Jane Mte, Black ?Hordo near Bedale	b 14/7/1867
24 Apl 1868	Elizabeth	Jane Mte, Middleham	6 weeks
23 Mar 1869	Catherine	Alexander & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 28/2/1869
19 Oct 1869	Alfred	John & Jane Mte Harmby	b 27/2/1869
27 Jun 1871	Mary Jane	John & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 9/7/1871
14 Mar 1873	Annie Bell	John & Jane Mte, Leyburn	b 10/2/1873
13 Jul 1873	Margaret Ann	Alexander & Jane Mte, Harmby	b 7/7/1873
ditto	Alice	ditto	b 7/7/1873
2 May 1875	Arabelle	John & Jane Mte, Leyburn	b 25/3/1875
23 May 1877	Ernest	ditto	b 25/4/1877
17 Aug 1877	George	Alexander & Jane Mte, W.Witton	b 4/8/1877
-- Jun 1879	Henry	William & Sarah Mte	b 10/5/1879
5 Apl 1880	Thomas	Thomasine Mte, Bellerby	b 7/3/1880
7 Oct 1891	John Ewbank	John & Mgt Ann Mte, W.Witton	b 11/7/1891
6 Dec 1892	Thomas Wesley	Thomas & Ellena Mte, Scafton	b 21/9/1892
14 Apl 1897	Chris. Bushby	John & Mary A Mte, Newbiggin	b 4/10/1896
2 May 1897	Eveline	Thomas & Eleanor Mte, W.Scafton	b 8/2/1897
26 Sep 1897	William	Jeremiah & Eliz Mte, Nelson, Lancs	b 27/7/1897
7 Sep 1898	Violet	Thomas & Eleanor Mte, Scafton	b 14/8/1898
3 May 1899	Harold	John & Agnes Mt, Newbiggin	b 10/10/1898
8 Nov 1925	John Redverse	Jeffery William & Annie Mte, Swineside, Scafton, Middleham	b 20/10/1925
18 Jan 1931	James William	Walter & Ann Mte, Redmire	b 18/12/1930
7 Aug 1932	Mary Elizabeth	Jeffery & Annie Mte, Swineside	b 19/4/1932

Nothing further to Oct 1947

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A request for information from Pat Cook M544

WANTED information on:-

JAMES and JOSEPH METCALFE sons of George & Ann (Storr)
bpt 1 Dec 1861 and 16 Sep 1865, Broughton by Brigg,
Lincolnshire.

James believed to have lived in Kettering, Northamptonshire.
Joseph believed to have died in Somerset.
Nothing else known of them.

Mrs. P Cook, 42 Littlefield Lane, Grimsby, Lincs, DN34 4PL

Obituaries

It is with regret that we announce the death of two long-standing members.

M132 John Kitchin of Shotton near Stratford who died in May.

M417 Wilfred Medcalf of Solihull who died in July. Wilfred and his wife Barbara came along to our Musters in 1990, 1991 & 1992.

We are sad to lose them and our sincere condolences go to their wives and families.

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